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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 Deposition of Mark Blaine Amerman 2 April 7, 2022</p> <p>3 MR. JOHNSON: This will be the deposition of 4 Mark Amerman in the case of Octavio Cira versus 5 Henry County. The deposition is being taken at 6 the Henry County Administration Building. There 7 is a court reporter/notary present and will be 8 transcribing today's deposition. I ask that the 9 witness be sworn in at this time.</p> <p>10 MARK BLAINE AMERMAN, 11 being produced and first duly sworn as a witness, 12 testified as follows:</p> <p>13 CROSS-EXAMINATION</p> <p>14 BY MR. JOHNSON:</p> <p>15 Q Could you please state your full name for 16 the record and spell it.</p> <p>17 A Mark Blaine Amerman. Mark, M-A-R-K. 18 Blaine, B-L-A-I-N-E. Amerman, A-M-E-R-M-A-N.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. My name is Jess Johnson. I'm a 20 lawyer in Atlanta and I represent the Plaintiffs in 21 this case and you agreed to be here today to be 22 deposed; right?</p> <p>23 A Correct.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Have you ever been deposed before?</p> <p>25 A Once.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 Q Okay. So do you know how this process 2 works?</p> <p>3 A Based on my one-time experience, sure.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. I'm going to be asking questions and 5 you are going to be answering the questions and you'll 6 be under oath.</p> <p>7 You understand that; right?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q If you have any questions or you are not 10 sure about what I've asked, just ask me to clarify and 11 I will.</p> <p>12 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>13 Q If you want to take a break, just let me 14 know and we'll take a break.</p> <p>15 A Okay.</p> <p>16 Q All right. So who are you employed with?</p> <p>17 A Henry County Police Department. Henry 18 County Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>19 Q How long have you been employed by them?</p> <p>20 A 28 years.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And what is your title?</p> <p>22 A Chief of police.</p> <p>23 Q And how long have you held that title?</p> <p>24 A Four years.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. What was your title before that?</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 A Deputy police chief.</p> <p>2 Q How long were you deputy police chief?</p> <p>3 A Approximately four years.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. Have you reviewed any materials in 5 preparation for today's deposition?</p> <p>6 A Yes. We watched the video a little while 7 ago.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Do you know whose -- I'm assuming 9 it's body cam --</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q -- video. Whose body cam?</p> <p>12 A It was Hampton Police Department's.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Do you know which officer?</p> <p>14 A I believe it was Lewis.</p> <p>15 Q Is that the only thing you reviewed?</p> <p>16 A Today, yes.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Can you describe your educational 18 background briefly?</p> <p>19 A I have a bachelor's degree in criminal 20 justice and I'm one class away from my masters.</p> <p>21 Q All right. Can you describe your employment 22 history beyond what you already have?</p> <p>23 A I joined the Army in 1988 where I was an MP. 24 I did that for approximately 6 years, 8 months, 20 25 days. I don't know why I remember that but that's how</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 long I was in the Army where I was an MP. I rose to 2 the rank of sergeant before getting out.</p> <p>3 Used my GI bill and put myself through the 4 police academy so that made for a smooth transition.</p> <p>5 When I left the Army as an MP, I started the Henry 6 County Police Department as a patrolman. And then 7 I've worked my way up through the ranks up until being 8 chief of police.</p> <p>9 Q When did you become a police officer?</p> <p>10 A 1994.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. So you've been an officer since '94?</p> <p>12 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>13 Q POST certified?</p> <p>14 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Who do you report to?</p> <p>16 A The county manager.</p> <p>17 Q And who does the county manager report to?</p> <p>18 A Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. Is there an individual on the board 20 that you report to?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Only county manager?</p> <p>23 A I'm a direct report to the county manager.</p> <p>24 Q Who is the county manager?</p> <p>25 A Cheri Matthews.</p> |